

ABSTRACT

A device is provided for triggering a restraint means, e.g., a two-stage deployment airbag, the device triggering a second airbag stage as a function of a criterion, derived from the acceleration signal, and the closing velocity. The criterion is, in particular,
5 the deployment time for the first airbag stage. As a function of the deployment time of the first airbag stage and the closing velocity, triggering classes are established which in turn define the deployment time for the second airbag stage.